

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud South Texas veterans of the Vietnam War are
2 being officially welcomed home at the LZ:RGV event at the McAllen
3 Convention Center on April 9, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Short for "Landing Zone: Rio Grande Valley," the
5 event honors the service and sacrifice of the South Texans who were
6 among the 2.59 million Americans who served in Vietnam; during that
7 conflict, more than 58,000 Americans died, including 3,400 from
8 Texas, and over 300,000 were wounded, including 75,000 who were
9 severely disabled; approximately 2,000 Americans are still listed
10 as missing, and hundreds spent time as prisoners of war; and

11 WHEREAS, These brave men and women served with honor and
12 distinction at a time when the nation was divided in its support of
13 the war; returning home, they were caught in the crossfire of debate
14 and protest and never received the recognition that they deserved;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In order to rectify that omission, a coalition of
17 groups in South Texas has come together to organize, promote, and
18 host a long overdue tribute for the region's veterans; sponsors
19 include Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia, the American Legion, the
20 Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Veterans Alliance, the cities of
21 McAllen and Edinburg, *The Monitor* and the *Rio Grande Guardian*,
22 Total Imaging Solutions, and Entravision Communications; and

23 WHEREAS, The LZ:RGV event will include a dedication ceremony
24 for the Veterans War Memorial of Texas, lectures, a keynote

1 address, and a concert; visitors may also learn about the war and
2 its veterans from information booths, a portrait gallery, exhibits,
3 and documentaries; and

4 WHEREAS, Citizens of this state and nation owe our brave
5 Vietnam veterans an eternal debt of gratitude, and the LZ:RGV event
6 in McAllen will celebrate those South Texans who served and came
7 home and will pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby designate April 9, 2011, as LZ:RGV Welcome Home South Texas
11 Vietnam Veterans Day and extend to the event's organizers,
12 supporters, and participants sincere best wishes for a meaningful
13 and memorable day.

Munoz, Jr.
Gonzales of Hidalgo
Guillen
Lozano
Oliveira

Pena
Martinez
Alonzo
Lucio III

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
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Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
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Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
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Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.C.R. No. 56

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 56 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 56 was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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